

SENATE BILL 1843

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of special license plates for firefighters and paramedics.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(5), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Firefighters and paramedics;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-203(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(15) Firefighters and paramedics - twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and as provided for in Section 3 of this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who is a resident of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a firefighter cultural license plate or a paramedic cultural license plate, as applicable, for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) Each of the license plates provided for in this section shall contain an appropriate logo or other design representing the many valuable contributions that firefighters or paramedics, as applicable, make to our society by preserving the public safety and welfare.

(c)

(1) A person applying for a firefighter license plate shall submit proof of current membership in a firefighting unit or of former membership in a firefighting unit from which the owner or lessee is a retired member in good standing.

(2) A person applying for a paramedic license plate shall submit proof of the applicant's current licensure as a paramedic. In consultation with the department of health, the department of revenue shall establish standards for the information and documentation necessary to constitute satisfactory proof of an applicant's current licensure as a paramedic.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.